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LB 29, 935

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Redfield. Open for discussion on the committee amendments yet? Seeing none, Senator Red...Senator Connealy. He waives his right to close on the committee amendments. The question before the body is the adoption of the committee amendments to LB 29. All in favor of the committee amendments vote aye, opposed nay. We are voting on the adoption of the committee amendments to LB 29. Have you all voted who care to? Record, please, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 36 ayes, 0 nays on the adoption of the committee amendments, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The committee amendments are adopted. Back to discussion on the advancement of the bill to E & R Initial. Seeing no lights on, Senator Redfield. Senator waives her opportunity to close. The question before the body is advancement of LB 29 to E & R Initial. All in favor of that vote aye, opposed nay. Voting on advancement of LB 29. Have you all voted who care to? Record, please, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 34 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to advance, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: LB 29 does advance. Mr. Clerk, next agenda item.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Next bill, Mr. President, LB 935, introduced by Senators McDonald and Schimek. (Read title.) The bill was read for the first time on January 10th of this year, referred to the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee. That committee reports the bill to General File.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator McDonald, you're recognized to open on LB 935.

SENATOR McDONALD: Mr. President and members of the body, in the 1998 General Election, 28,900 Nebraskans voted absentee. In the year 2000 General Election, 80,452 Nebraskans voted absentee. Absentee voting in Nebraska almost tripled in the last two years. I introduced LB 935 because this increase in absentee voters has caused problems at the county level. Currently, a